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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, Sept. 7, 1862.*

The Army will learn, with as much regret as the Secretary of War feels in announcing it, the death of the late Paymaster General, Colonel B. F. LARNED, who, after a long and painful illness, departed this life on the afternoon of the 6th instant, at his residence in this city.

One of the veterans of our last war with Great Britain, Colonel LARNED entered the army as Ensign of the 21st Infantry, on the 1st of October, 1813—served with distinction through the War, and was brevetted Captain for gallant conduct in the defence of Fort Erie, where he commanded a company. Retained as Paymaster of the 5th Infantry at the reduction of the Army in 1815, he was made Deputy Paymaster General during the Mexican war, and, on the demise of the lamented Towson, succeeded him as Paymaster General of the Army.

From that date, until overtaken by his last illness—a period of eight years—he continued to discharge the onerous and responsible duties of his office, with intelligence, ability, and rare integrity. Already an old man, when the rebellion broke out, had he simply consulted his own feelings, he would gladly have retired; but well knowing that his services were now become more indispensable than ever, and unappalled by the gigantic labor before him, for eighteen months he resolutely persevered at his post, in spite of failing strength and the entreaties of friends that he would spare himself, until, after having thoroughly reorganized his vast Department, and just as he was beginning to see things working in it to his satisfaction, his overtasked powers gave way, and, sacrificed to his sense of duty, the life which he had vowed to the service of his country, ebbed lingeringly and prematurely away.

A man of the most genial disposition, attractive society, and unsullied life—a sincere Christian above all—Colonel LARNED was deservedly respected and beloved by all who had the happiness of knowing him. May the Army, which has reason to be proud of such a son, never cease to imitate the virtues, of which he was so worthy an example.

The necessary arrangements for his funeral will be made by the Military Governor of the District.

As an appropriate tribute of respect to his memory, there will be fired at every military post, on the day after the receipt of this order, nine minute guns, commencing at meridian. The national flag will be displayed at half-staff from the same hour, until sunset of the same day; and for thirty days the prescribed badge of mourning will be worn by the officers of the Army.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,

*Adjutant General.*

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